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EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
GROUP 1771
PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Akihisa MURATA, et al.

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2002, please consider the following remarks:

REMARKS

The Examiner has not indicated whether the formal drawing submitted on August 23, 2001 has been accepted. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner make such an acknowledgement.

In Paragraph No. 2 of the Office Action, it is indicated that claim 2 should be cancelled since independent claim 3 upon which it is dependent has a higher number.

Applicants respectfully submit that this is not necessary at this time. It is true that claim 2 is dependent from claim 3, a later claim. However, the situation arose due to an amendment to